

***Effective 3/11/2015***

**JR6-3-102 Privacy of ethics complaints -- Contempt -- Enforcement of finding of contempt -- Dismissal.**

- (1)
  - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b) or (c), a person, including the complainants, the respondent, commission members, a committee chair or vice chair, or staff to the commission or a committee, may not disclose the existence of a complaint, a response, nor any information concerning any alleged violation that is the subject of a complaint.
  - (b) The restrictions in Subsection (1)(a) do not apply to:
    - (i) a complaint or response that is publicly released by the commission and referred to an ethics committee for review under the procedures and requirements of JR6-4-204, and the allegations contained in the publicly released complaint or response; or
    - (ii) the respondent's voluntary disclosure of a finding by the commission that no allegations in a complaint were proved, after that finding is issued by the commission under the procedures and requirements of JR6-4-204.
  - (c) Nothing in this rule prevents a person from disclosing facts or allegations about potential criminal violations to law enforcement authorities.
- (2) A person who violates the provisions of Subsection (1)(a) is in contempt of the Legislature and proceedings may be initiated to enforce the finding of contempt using the procedures provided in JR6-2-304 and Utah Code Section 36-14-5.
- (3) Except as provided in JR6-4-101(3), if the identity of the legislator who is the subject of an ethics complaint or the identity of the filer of an ethics complaint is publicly disclosed during the period that the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission is reviewing the complaint, the complaint shall be summarily dismissed without prejudice.